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Response Under 37 CFR §1.116

Expedited Procedure

Group Art Unit: 1645

Atty Docket: 281167

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITOH et al.

Serial Number: 09/147,052

Filed: April 5, 1999

For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR,
RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: HINES, J.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows, and the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included in this response.

A petition for a two-month extension of the response period and the requisite fee therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.

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